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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATCH PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATIONS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed traffic signal synchronization projects and the propane refueling station projects are categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15303, respectively, of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit applications to the Mobile Source Reduction Committee for partial funding, to commit to the project implementation schedule reflected in each application, to allocate the necessary matching funds, and to act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the Mobile Source Reduction Committee on any and all matters related to these grants for the following seven projects:
 - Florence Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization project
 - Santa Clarita Valley Intelligent Transportation System project
 - City and County of Los Angeles Intelligent Transportation System Integration project
 - Installation of propane refueling stations at seven Public Works' sites.

- Purchase of seven, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled street sweepers.
- Purchase of three, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled shuttle vans.
- Purchase of one, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled bus.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Mobile Source Reduction Committee requires all applicants submitting proposals for its Local Government Match Program to include a Minute Action, such as a Board letter, from the governing board of the lead agency. The Minute Action must authorize the agency to file a grant application for each of the proposed projects, commit the lead agency to the project implementation schedule reflected in each application, and allocate the necessary matching funds.

The Local Government Match Program funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis to applicants who satisfy specific project requirements. Acceptance of applications began on September 24, 2004.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Community Services by utilizing grant opportunities to maximize the use of County funds and improving the mobility of County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact to the County's General Fund.

The Local Government Match Program provides partial reimbursement for eligible projects that result in the reduction of emissions from mobile sources.

Traffic Signal Synchronization and Intelligent Transportation System Projects: The three grant applications in the amount of \$866,000, if awarded, will partially offset the \$3,495,000 cost for these projects located in unincorporated County areas and the Cities of Downey, Los Angeles, Santa Clarita, and Santa Fe Springs. There is sufficient appropriation for these projects included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget to carry out these projects if awarded the requested grant funding.

Installation of Propane Refueling Stations at Seven Public Works Sites: Public Works plans to install seven propane fueling stations at various road maintenance yards. This

grant in the amount of \$198,000, if awarded, will partially reimburse the installation cost of \$595,000 for these propane refueling stations. Funding is available for these projects in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

Purchase of Seven Heavy-duty, Alternatively-fueled Street Sweepers: Public Works plans to replace seven of its heavy-duty street sweepers. This grant in the amount of \$140,000, if awarded, will partially reimburse the capital costs of these sweepers. Funding of \$1,575,000 for these sweepers will be made available in the Road Fund in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2005-06 during the budget process.

Purchase of Three Heavy-duty, Alternatively-fueled Shuttle Vans: Public Works plans to replace the three Hahn's Trolley shuttle vans. This grant in the amount of \$60,000, if awarded, will partially reimburse the capital costs for these three shuttle vans. Funding of \$360,000 is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Proposition A Local Return Transit Fund Budget.

Purchase of One Heavy-duty, Alternatively-fueled Bus: Public Works plans to purchase one heavy-duty bus for its Special Events Transportation Service. This grant in the amount of \$20,000, if awarded, will partially reimburse the capital costs for one heavy-duty bus. Funding of \$400,000 is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-05 Proposition A Local Return Transit Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Mobile Source Reduction Committee requires that all applications submitted for the Local Government Match Program include an adopted Minute Action, such as a Board letter, from the governing board of the lead agency. Adoption of this Board letter will enable Public Works to apply for these grants from this Program.

If any grant applications are successful, Public Works will return to the Board to accept the grant funds and request the Board to appropriate funds for each project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions.

The proposed Traffic Signal Synchronization and Intelligent Transportation System projects are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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The proposed propane refueling station projects at various Public Works facilities are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

The purchase of the seven, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled street sweepers; three, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled shuttle vans; and one, heavy-duty, alternatively-fueled bus does not constitute a project and is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Successful applications for funding will not impact Public Works' current or future projects. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return seven approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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